



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025
23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Leading In Worship

Preacher

Elder Kim Mitchell, Pastor of Care and Connection

Liturgists

Scott Rowland

Rev. Landon Whitsitt, Senior Pastor (Frederickson Hall)

Jerilyn Whitsitt (Frederickson Hall)

Musicians

Jan McDaniel, Associate Director of Worship and the Arts

Dr. Melissa Plamann, Artist in Residence

Lisa Hart, carillon

Brianna Holt, Director of Children's Music (Frederickson Hall)

Dr. Sallie Pollack, piano (Frederickson Hall)

WORSHIP ORDER

November 16, 2025
23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell," Op. 109

Margaretha Christina de Jong (b. 1961)

Chiming the Hour

Preparing for Worship

Introit

"Andante tranquillo," from *Sonata III*, Op. 65, No. 3

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

*Call to Worship

When the forces of oppression thought they could stop the gospel,

God turned scattering into sending.

What seemed like defeat became victory,

what looked like ending became beginning.

**The good news traveled on the feet of the scattered,
reaching places it had never been before.**

How will God's Gospel cut through the chaos?

Here I am. Send me.

*Hymn of Praise (No. 409)

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of surprising purposes,
you advance your mission
even through upheaval and uncertainty,
turning our displacement into our calling.
Yet we often fail to see your hand at work
when circumstances shift around us.
We mistake your redirection for rejection,
your expansion for abandonment.
When plans change and paths diverge,
we assume you have forgotten us.
Help us trust your purposes
even when we cannot see the way forward,
that we might be faithful witnesses
wherever we find ourselves.
Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Where we see only failure,
God sees opportunities for grace.
Even in our brokenness,
God's song over us remains the same:
You are forgiven.
You are loved.
You are included in God's expanding kingdom of grace.

Friends, believe the good news:

We are always already loved! Thanks be to God!

*Response to the Gift of Grace (No. 581)

GREATOREX

Glory Be to the Father



Sacred Space

The children are invited to gather on the front steps for a lesson.

*Passing of the Peace

Children Age 4 to 3rd Grade will now be dismissed to Children's Chapel.

In Chapel the children are learning all about gratitude.

Grownups, if you have a child joining Children's Chapel today, please stop by the kiosk near the worship bags to sign them in. Please pick up children attending chapel in the children's ministry area upstairs on the 2nd floor after worship.

*Song of Community (No. 301)

TWO OAKS

Let Us Build a House (v. 1)

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.**

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8, p. 492

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalter

Psalms 96

Hal H. Hopson (1933-2025)



Second Reading

Acts 8:1–25, p. 96

For the word of God in scripture,
for the word of God among us,
and for Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Elder Kim Mitchell

Scattered but Sent

*Affirmation of Faith and Reception of New Member (8:15am) From *The Confession of 1967*

The church confesses its faith when it bears a present witness to God's grace in Jesus Christ. ...

With an urgency born of hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. "Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

Announcements and Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Pilgrims' Hymn

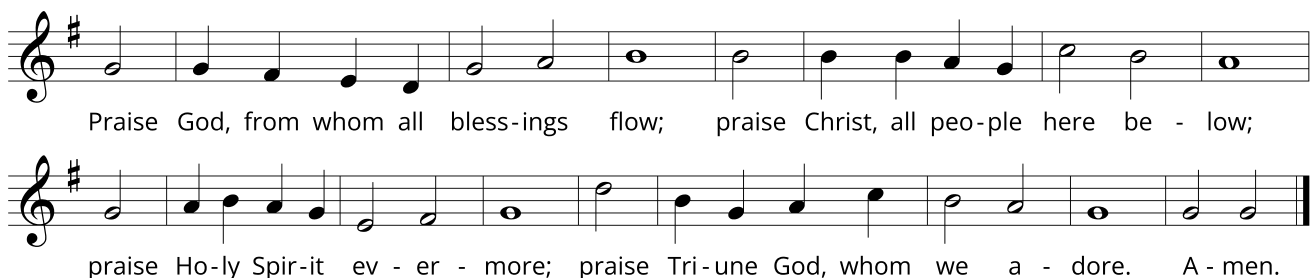
Stephen Paulus (1949-2014)

Chancel Choir

*Doxology (No. 607)

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (8:15am)

Communion is received via intinction with gluten-free wafers and grape juice.

*Hymn of Sending (No. 833)

ST. MARGARET

O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go

*Blessings, Charge, and Benediction

Postlude

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

*This sign is an invitation, to all who are comfortable and able, to stand as they offer God thanks and praise.

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The Confession of 1967 - United Presbyterian Church

This was written during the troubled 1960's and the civil rights movement in response to civil religion. Its central doctrines include reconciliation and the equality of all persons. Banner: The Blue, Red and Gold: Colors of the official seal of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America; The Golden, Down-reaching Hand: (repeated from the Nicene Banner) God reaching down to his world; The Crown (repeated from the Westminster Banner) and the Nail Scarred Hand: The death and victory of Christ; The Four Hands of Different Colors, the Clasped Hands, and the Green Circle: The reconciled world at the foot of the cross; The Stars and Planets on the Blue Background: The Space-Age Setting of this confession.





ANNOUNCEMENTS



Pop-up Game Night: Mahjong **November 18 | 5:30-7:30pm | Room 103**



Join us for an evening of fun and friendly competition! Whether you're a beginner or already know how to play, all are welcome. Register online and indicate your experience level so we can plan game tables accordingly.



Candy Cane Hunt **December 6 | 10:00am**

44th St Playground and Garden Court

Join us for a morning of fun and faith! Start in the Garden Court with interactive Advent stations for kids to create and explore the Christmas story, then head to the playground for a Candy Cane Hunt with a color-match hunt sheet for each child.



Youth & Club 4/5 Christmas Morning **December 7 | 9:30am | Youth Room**

Join us for breakfast, games, and Christmas cheer during the Sunday School hour! Wear your Christmas PJs and bring your Secret Santa gift. We'll draw names for the exchange on November 30. If you can't be there, please contact Amber Ray at aray@wpcokc.org or 214.636.7923 to participate.



Christmas Brunch **December 7 | 11:30am | Garden Court**



Join us for our annual Christmas Brunch! After the 10:30 am worship to kick off the Christmas season! Tickets are \$10 per adult, \$5 for children, with a family cap of \$30.



Dinner with Love **December 21 + 23 | 8:00am | Garden Court**



Prepare and deliver holiday meals for our neighbors. Help cook in the WPC kitchen, assemble, pack boxes, fill snack bags, and write notes of encouragement. Roles are available throughout the day with come-and-go flexibility.



This Week I Learned

Curious about what your child is learning in Children's Ministry today? Scan the QR code to explore this Sunday's lesson, activities, and announcements!



This icon indicates:
Registration is Required



Visit the Events page to register for events by scanning the QR code or going to:
wpcokc.org/events



THANKSGIVING *Meals*



This Thanksgiving, we invite our community to come together and support families in need through our Feed My Sheep initiative. Your generosity helps provide home-cooked holiday meals to our unhoused neighbors and Feed My Sheep families, sharing the warmth and joy of the season.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED:



DONATE:

Add an extra \$50 to your next gift to provide a beautiful Thanksgiving dinner for a family in need.



VOLUNTEER:

Help cook, prepare, pack, or deliver meals—an opportunity to serve alongside your family, friends, or small group and make a meaningful difference this holiday season.



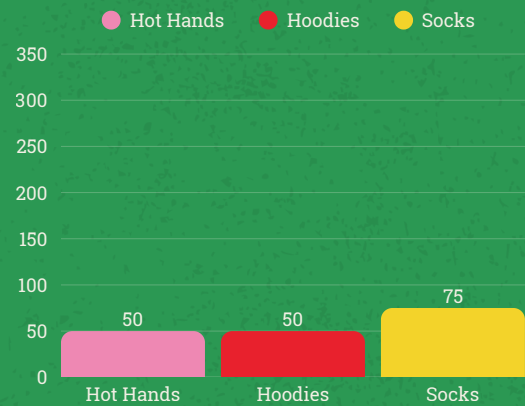
SIGN UP:

Scan the QR code to visit our website and choose how you'd like to get involved. Whether you donate, volunteer, or do both, your participation helps bring joy and hope to others this Thanksgiving.

YOU ARE LOVED


Westminster Presbyterian Church

GIVING UPDATE



You Are Loved is Westminster's annual effort to care for our neighbors during the holidays. We provide meals, gifts, and essentials for families in need and the Homeless Alliance. You can get involved by cooking, packing, donating, delivering, or shopping for children's stockings—help us remind our community that they are loved.



SERVE

There are many ways to get involved with You Are Loved! Help in advance by cooking and prepping meals in the WPC kitchen, serving our neighbors at the Homeless Alliance, or packing meals for Dinner with Love. Learn more and signup online, in the WPC App, or at the You Are Loved table..



STOCKINGS

We're getting ready to provide Christmas stockings for children in Feed My Sheep.

Your participation will help make their holiday brighter.



GIVE

As part of the You Are Loved initiative, we're providing gifts of warmth to our friends at the Homeless Alliance. Our goal is to give 350 people a hoodie, socks, and HotHands this season. You can help by purchasing items from our Amazon Wish List or making a monetary donation to support this effort.



LEARN MORE

Scan the QR code or visit wpcokc.org/you-are-loved to easily find all details, signups, and donation opportunities.



Poinsettias

Give a poinsettia in honor of or in memory of a loved one this year.

Poinsettias are \$30 each. They are used to decorate the church and are delivered to members by the Care Team and Deacons. Scan the QR code or visit the welcome desk to purchase today. The final day to purchase is December 14.



Deadline to purchase is December 14.

HOODIE SUNDAY



DECEMBER 7
DURING WORSHIP

WEAR A HOODIE. DONATE A HOODIE
ALL DONATIONS GO TO YOU ARE LOVED.

Christmas BRUNCH

DECEMBER 7 | 11:30AM
GARDEN COURT

TICKETS

\$10 Adult | \$5 Child | \$30 Family cap

All proceeds go to You Are Loved.



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NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

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